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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 14000.8.1.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hugh S. West, Jr., et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/786,186 ) Art Unit  
Filed: February 25, 2004 ) 3733  
Confirmation No.: 2078 )  
For: SUTURE SEPARATION AND ORGANIZATION )  
DEVICES FOR USE WITH GRAFT TENSIONING )  
DEVICE )  
Examiner: Annette R. Reimers )  
Customer No.: 022913 )

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT RESPONSE**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of non-compliant response mailed February 12, 2007, and in further response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 18, 2006, Applicants submit the following to be filed in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single disclosed species, including an election of a single sub-species to be examined along with the elected species. The Examiner has identified the species as follows:

Species I. Draft Tensioning Device (Species)

- A. Figure 1
- B. Figure 4

Species II. Separation and Organization Device (Subspecies)

- A. Figures 7-7A
- B. Figures 9-9B
- C. Figure 10

The Applicants hereby elect Species I.B, of Figure 4 without traverse, and Species II.B, of Figures 9-9B without traverse. Applicants note, however, that none of the claims differentiate between Species I.A and I.B, and are therefore generic to both.

Claims 1, 7-14, 16, 17, 20 and 25-28 are either generic to or specifically read on the elected species. Claims 2-6 and 15 read on a non-elected species and are therefore withdrawn from consideration at this time. Nevertheless, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request rejoinder and allowance of claims 2-6 and 15.

In the event the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this communication, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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